The Park Avenue Synagogue

Bulletin

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Schedule of Pesach Services

FIRST EVENING Friday, April 4th, 6:00 p.m.
FIRST MORNING Saturday, April 5th, 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Steinberg will preach
Junior Congregation Services will be held in the Vestry at 10:30 a.m.

SECOND EVENING Saturday, April 5th, 6:00 p.m.
SECOND MORNING Sunday, April 6th, 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Kertzer will preach

SEVENTH EVENING Thursday, April 10th, 6:00 p.m.
SEVENTH MORNING Friday, April 11th, 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Kertzer will preach

EIGHTH EVENING Friday, April 11th, 6:00 p.m.
EIGHTH MORNING Saturday, April 12th, 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Steinberg will preach

MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT APPROXIMATELY 11 a.m.
Junior Congregation Services in the Vestry at 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Steinberg Speaks To Adults March 31

The last two lectures of the Committee on Adult Education's Current lecture series "Currents in Jewish History from the 11th to the 19th Century" will be given on Monday evening, March 31st and April 7th. Tonight the lecturer will be Rabbi Steinberg, whose topic will be "The Dawn of a New Day." The growth of liberalism in Europe and the influence of the French Revolution on Judaism will be discussed. Rabbi Steinberg will also touch on the lives of Spinoza, Mendelssohn and Maimon in his discussion. The finale of the series will be on April 7th when Rabbi Kertzer will speak on the topic "Growth of Central and East European Jewry". Rabbi Kertzer will discuss the inner life of the Ghetto, the German-Jewish community and the growth of Mysticism and Hasidism. These lectures can be attended even though you may have missed the previous 4 lectures. The fee will be $.50 for each and everyone is urged to attend and take part in the stimulating discussions which follow.

The Seminar Course from 8 to 8:45 will be given on both evenings by Cantor Putterman. The music of the Holy Days and Passover will be covered and the Cantor will supplement his interesting discussions with recordings.

Sisterhood Opens Drive For UJA in Synagogue

The Women's Division 1947 campaign for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York is well under way. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke at the rally opening the drive on February 19th at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Mrs. Dorothy Geller, an active member of Sisterhood, also spoke at the luncheon in her capacity as co-chairman of the metropolitan area campaign. Mrs. Sanford Cohen, Sisterhood chairman for U.J.A., urges you to give to the limit of your capacity when any member of her capable committee approaches you for funds. Last year the Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue raised the large sum of $28,354. This amount is higher than that raised by any other women's group in Manhattan, and once again everyone is awaiting the returns from our organization.

Last year the lives of many of the suffering Jews of Europe were saved. This year those lives must be rehabilitated for useful living. With the liquidation of UNRRA, the entire responsibility for the relief of Jews in Europe falls upon agencies of U.J.A. The urgency of the situation is far beyond description, and it is important that each one be prepared to give generously.

School Sponsors Model Seder, Sunday, Mar. 30

The annual model *Seder*, which has become a tradition of the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School, will be held this year on Sunday morning, March 30th at 10:30 o'clock. Rabbi Kertzer will conduct the *Seder*, in which members of the Sunday and Hebrew schools will participate. The members of High School II will be in charge of planning and decorations. Heading this group is a committee consisting of Paul Seligson, Hugh Levy and Elinor Wechsler. Assisting in the general arrangements will be members of High School I under the leadership of Nina Solomon, Sue Starkman, and Stephen Selig. Mr. Sanford Hahn is acting as faculty advisor for the occasion.

Each class will have its own table, on which a theme will be depicted. The themes will deal with freedom, the topic particularly appropriate for Passover. One class will show a Displaced Persons camp scene, another some aspect of *Haganah*, and still another the Balfour Declaration being burned by the British.

The tables will be decorated blue and white, with each table displaying silver candlesticks and the traditional *Haroses*. *Matzos* for the occasion will be donated by the Manishewitz Company, through Mr. B. Prensky. Other food served will include hard boiled eggs and fruit salad.

The new Reconstructionist *Haggadah* will be used with the Hebrew passages read by the Hebrew School pupils and the English passages read by the Sunday School members. Each class is expected to prepare a Passover song which will be sung at that time. An invitation is cordially extended to all parents to join in the model *Seder*.

The next Sisterhood meeting will take place on April 22nd at 1:30 o'clock. The speaker will be Mr. Eleazer Lipsky, former district attorney and lecturer for the Foreign Policy Association. He will discuss "Palestine, Its Effect on the American Community."

Mrs. Fanny Greenstein requests that all contributions to the Red Cross Fund Drive be sent to her at the Synagogue as rapidly as possible.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Steinberg

What's new right now among books of Jewish or religious import?

The book of most immediate interest to all of us is *With An H On My Dog Tag* written by our own Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer. Our concern with it derives most immediately from our attachment to its author. But it commands attention in its own right. Gracefully written, vivid, humane, it is both an account of the experiences of a single Jewish chaplain and a portrayal of the Jewish chaplaincy as a whole. With this volume, Rabbi Kertzer has done the rabbinate and the Jewish community a distinct service. He has enhanced the prestige of our congregation.

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A novel certain to be widely read and discussed is Laura Z. Hobson's *Gentlemen's Agreement*. Since I plan to review it from the pulpit on March 28th, I shall not pause over it now any further than to say that it is a smooth, vivid, ingenious tale of considerable worth as a propaganda piece. Mrs. Hobson, however, sees only the surface of the problem of anti-Semitism; she does not see Judaism at all. As a clue, then, to the Jewish question it is to be taken cautiously and with more than the proverbial grain of salt.

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An article of extraordinary merit, the work of one of our own fellow-congregants, has just appeared in the magazine *Social Research*. Its author, Dr. Albert Salomon, Professor of Sociology at the New School for Social Research, entitles his essay "The Religion of Progress." Its purpose is to present and analyze "historicism," that dogma of the modern spirit which Reinhold Niebuhr recently caught in the brilliant formula: "The view of history as a kind of God and time as a kind of Christ." As children of the 19th and 20th century, many of us have accepted this doctrine uncritically. Dr. Salomon's review of its evolution and the major forms of its manifestation has value not only as a source of information, but as a corrective as well.

MILTON STEINBERG

Marriage

Wedding bells sounded on March 20th for Elinor Sack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack, who was married that day to Maxwell Lieberman.

Congratulations are in order to Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Rosenthal upon the marriage of their son, Dr. Robert Rosenthal, to Miss Meryl Eisenberg.

Bar Mitzvah

Our very best wishes to George Nathan Graine, whose bar mitzvah was celebrated on March 22nd. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Adolph R. Graine, and also grandson of Mrs. Fanny Schancupp Goldberg.

Dr. Sachar Asks "Who Will Get The Children"

In the absence of Dr. James Loeb, national secretary of the Americans for Democratic Action, who was scheduled to address the congregation on Friday evening, March 21, Dr. Abram L. Sachar spoke on the provocative topic, "And Who Will Get the Children?" Dr. Sachar is the national director of the Hillel Foundation.

In his message he explained the importance of the education received by young people in terms of their behavior through the remainder of their lives. The responsibility of those in whose hands this education lies is a great one. It is for them to instill the ideals of morality and justice and to channel the energies of these young people in the most effective manner.

The disappointments with this world after the war lead to disillusionment, Dr. Sachar added, unless the proper perspective is pointed out. This disillusionment can then manifest itself as a kind of cynicism and paralysis of action now evident among so many "tired liberals".

He urged that we should be thankful for the world we have today and be mindful that while it is not the best world it is a *better* one than we would have had, were we not the victors.

Your attention is invited to the fact that there will be NO LATE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE on April 4th or April 11th, because of the *Pesach* observance. Sabbath morning services will be held as usual. Any changes in time will be noted in the space reserved for announcements of Services.

School Highlights
by Alma D. Kaplan

We have planned a short visit to Class 7X whose members are swapping tales of the *Hasidim* as part of the sweep through history they are making from the days of the Spanish exile of the Jews until the present.

The class is taught by Mr. David Teitelbaum, who offers them a varied program of activity. They debate and argue. They listen. They sing. In the recent Singing Contest, participated in by all classes, Class 7X was chosen as one of the winners. It may have been for loudness, sweetness, spirit, harmony — or maybe just for stopping.

They are learning about the Hebrew prophets, among them, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah.

Then too, Mr. Teitelbaum has "projects". These are designed to enlist any faculties not already well exercised in singing, discussion of current events, Jewish home customs and ceremonies associated with holidays. The most recent group enterprise was in connection with the *Purim* carnival, at which Class 7X ran "Hit Haman" booth—with darts and a target. With attractive decoration and glaring come-on signs, this moneymaker came out near the top in income.

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The Parents' Association wants to remind the members of the Congregation of its Card Party, which will take place on Sunday evening, April 20th. Tickets are being sold for $1 and may be obtained through Mrs. Abraham Gevirtz.

League Shows Movies

The Junior League's next affair on Sunday evening, April 13th, promises to be one of the League's biggest functions. Movies of "Long-Ago" will be presented featuring the old-time favorites, Rudolph Valentino and Theda Bara, which should provide everyone with fun and much merriment.

Refreshments in the form of donuts and cider will be provided, and a social will follow.

Everyone is invited to what promises to be a big evening. The movies will begin at 9 p.m. sharp — so come early.

The Junior League is happy to announce that Miss Thelma Goldman and Mr. Howard Kieval of BULLETIN have joined the League. This makes the BULLETIN an all Junior League function.